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- 1. ANTARA REPORTS THAT ON AUGUST 18 THE WEST JAVA HIGH PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE RELEASED ELEVEN BANDUNG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DETAINED FOR THEIR PRE-MPR ACTIVITIES. THEY WERE FREED UNDER GUARANTEE BY THE RECORS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE UNIVERSITIES. A STUDENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE RELEASE DID NOT TERMINATE INVESTIGATION INTO THE CASE AND THAT THE STUDENTS ARE SEEKING LEGAL AID TO ASSIST THEIM IN REACHING A SETTLEMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION SINAR HARAPAN REPORTS ON AGUSGUST 21 THAT BUYUNG NASUTION'S INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL AID(LBH) HAS AGREED TO DEFEND SEVEN BANDUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE(ITB) STUDENTS IF THEY ARE BROUGHT TO TRIAL.
- 2. FURTHER PRESS REPORTS ON RELEASE OF JAKARTA DETAINEES (REFTEL) INDICATE THAT AMONG THOSE FREED WERE DOPO ALAM, FORMER GENERAL CHAIRMAN O THE UNIVERSITY OF INDONSIA STUDEN COUNCIL; AN SULAEMAN HAMZAH, CHAIRMAN OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF THE JAKARTA TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE (IKIP).
- 3. IN A SATEMENT TO REPORTERS ON SATURDAY KOPKAMTIB LINCLASSIFIED

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COMMANDER ADMIRAL SUDOMO SAID THAT ARIEF RACHMAN'S PAST CONDUCT IS STILL BEING INVESTIGATED. SUDOMO DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT RACHMAN MIGHT RETURN TO HIS JOB TEACHING ENGLISH ON INDONESIAN TELEVISION, BUT NOTED THAT THIS DEPENDS ON RACHMAN'S LOYALTY TO THE GOVERNMENT. GARDNER

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